

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10, 12-14 are currently pending. Claims 2, 7 and 11 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein.

Claims 1, 6 and 10 have been amended at this time to incorporate the limitations of claims 2, 7 and 11 respectively, which the Examiner indicated as being directed to allowable subject matter. Claims 3, 8 and 12 have been amended to update claim dependencies. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that all Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10 and 12-14 are allowable. Accordingly, the rejection of Claims 1, 6 and 10 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) over Scheinbart et al. (U.S. 6,601,150) is moot and should therefore be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

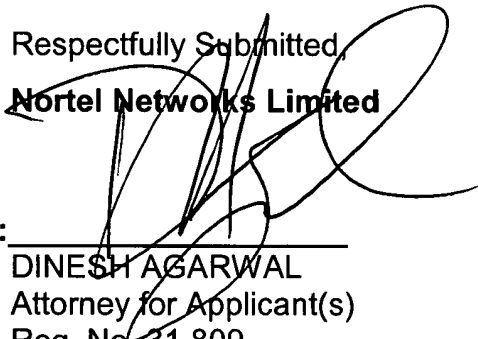
In view of the above, it is submitted that Claims 1, 3-6, 8-10 and 12-14 are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

It is believed that no additional fee is due for this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 01-0433, and notify the undersigned in due course.

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Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to discuss further this matter,
please contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

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